



JUDGE HAMMOND
How do you work it?

COMMISSIONER TO DEFEND HIMSELF

No Free Lawyer For 'Indigent' Brown

BY NICK SMITH
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor City Commissioner Carl L. Brown Wednesday was denied a court-appointed attorney to represent him on a traffic violation charge in Berrien Fifth District court.

Brown, 35, claimed he is indigent and entitled to counsel paid by public funds. Judge John T. Hammond denied the request on grounds that Brown is indigent only because he chooses to be.

Brown told the judge he has been "unemployed for two or three years" and said his only steady income is \$5 a week from attending commission meetings.

Brown appeared in court yesterday to plead innocent to disregarding a stop sign Dec. 18 at High and McCord streets in Benton Harbor.

A Benton Harbor police report said the car that Brown allegedly was driving was a 1973 Oldsmobile.

Another ticket for driving without an operator's license was dismissed on request of the Benton Harbor police department, according to a letter from City Atty. Samuel Henderson to District court.

Police Chief Andrew Rodez explained that Brown's operator's license was in possession of police at the time, and Brown was not advised he would be charged with driving without an operator's license.

A tape recording of Brown's appearance before Judge Hammond showed that it lasted for some 20 minutes.

Hammond questioned a statement that Brown made to the effect that he was indigent. Brown stated that he has been "unemployed for two or three years," and eligible for public counsel because he was indigent. Brown said his only income is \$5 a week, which he earns from attending commission meetings.

Hammond countered by asking Brown if he had worked in the past. Brown said that he had two jobs in the Twin Cities but quit them because he did not enjoy them.

Hammond asked "I can't quite figure out how you work it. You've been unemployed for over two years and your wife is unemployed also. Your sole source of income is \$5 a week from the city of Benton Harbor. How do you work it?"

"Part-time work," Brown answered. He told that on occasion he referees at sporting events.

(Last August on an election questionnaire, Brown listed his occupation as president of C-MEDS, Inc., a manpower training or-

ganization which reportedly has been unable to get public or private funds to conduct programs.

Three times during the hearing, the judge said he was having trouble seeing Brown as an indigent.

He explained that in his view, public lawyers are used to "provide an attorney to people who cannot afford an attorney." He told the commissioner "The reason that you can't get the money is because you won't get the money because you enjoy doing something else."

The judge then suggested that Brown try and find an attorney within the next two weeks. He also said that perhaps Brown should explore new fields of employment other than the field Brown called his specialty—manpower development.

After denying Brown's petition for a public attorney, the judge told him to return before his trial date if he could not find counsel. Brown then withdrew his request, saying that he would defend himself.

Hammond denied a request by Brown for a personal recognition bond. Brown posted \$200 bail, and was released pending trial.

Brown, a commissioner from Harbor's second ward, since 1971, lists his address as 661 Pavone street.



COMMISSIONER BROWN
Claims He's Indigent

GAS GOUGERS WARNED

Country Music Great Singer Tex Ritter Is Dead At 67

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tex Ritter, a towering figure in country and Western music, is dead of a heart attack at 67.

Ritter, who ranked with such greats as Roy Acuff, Ernest Tubb and the late Hank Williams, collapsed while visiting a member of his band at the Nashville jail Wednesday night.

He was rushed to Baptist Hospital, where his doctor said he died of a "massive, sudden heart attack."

Ritter had gone to the jail to

visit Jack Watkins, who was locked up Tuesday night on a charge of failure to pay alimony.

The biggest hits for the soft-spoken Ritter were the movie theme "High Noon," "Wayward Wind," "You Are My Sunshine," "Boll Weevil" and "Hillbilly Heaven."

Among Ritter's 78 film credits were starring roles in such movies as "Sing, Cowboy, Sing," "Marshal of Gunsmoke," "The Old Chisholm Trail" and "Song of the Gringo," his first film.

He also had television roles in Westerns such as "The Rebel" and "Zane Grey Theater."

Although Ritter did not appear as an actor in the film "High Noon," a Western suspense thriller starring Gary Cooper, he sang the haunting ballad that played throughout the movie. Cooper won the 1952 Oscar as best actor for his role in the production.

Ritter's interest in politics led him into the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate in Tennessee in 1970. He was defeated by Rep. William E. Brock III, who went on to unseat Democrat Albert Gore.

Ritter's singing career began 40 years ago when he was paid \$100 to record four songs, including the country standard "Rye Whiskey."

In 1964, he was inducted into



TEX RITTER DIES: Country music veteran Tex Ritter, 67, died in the emergency room of a Nashville hospital Wednesday after suffering a massive heart attack. Ritter was a silver screen star, singer and politician. Ritter suffered the heart attack while visiting a friend in jail. (AP Wirephoto)

the Country Music Hall of Fame, only the second living person to be so honored.

Born Maurice Woodward Ritter at Murvaul, Tex., a community of only 123, Ritter never gave up his love for cowboy clothes. His standard attire was a Western outfit and a 10-gallon cowboy hat.

He made his debut as a singing cowboy in Western films in 1936, following the trend set by Gene Autry. During the 1940s,

he was recognized as one of the top 10 Western box office stars.

In 1938, while acting, he met and married Dorothy Fay. They later acted together in five movies, and they had two sons.

His efforts in promoting country music earned him the presidency of the Country Music Association. He also was a former chairman of the National Committee for Recording Artists.

Only three weeks ago today, Ritter presented one of two copies of a narrative album to President Nixon for his help in promoting country music.

The other copy of the album — which is composed of speeches by Nixon and narration by Ritter — is in the Country Music Hall of Fame.

On learning of Ritter's death, Autry portrayed him as "a fine man, a fine artist and a great American.... He was a real leader."

"To many people he was king," said Lester Flatt, the bluegrass-country guitarist, of the death of his friend of 25 years.

In addition to his widow, Dorothy, Ritter is survived by his two sons, Thomas and Johnathan.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Fairplain Plaza Cinema I, "The Paper Chase" 7 P.M. & 9 P.M. Cinema II "Ash Wednesday" 7:30 & 9:30 P.M. Adv.

U.S. Will Check Pump Prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline stations are violating price regulations at a higher rate than any other industry under government price guidelines, an Internal Revenue Service survey shows.

About 20 per cent of service stations checked were selling gasoline above the legal ceiling price, the agency said.

The rate of the price violations is far greater than in other industries under price control and is leading the IRS to step up its enforcement efforts nationally, a spokesman said.

A spokesman said the IRS plans to have 300 agents assigned solely to checking price violations by gasoline stations.

Most of the violations probably do not involve flagrant price gouging in which motorists are charged \$1 or more for a gallon of gas, the spokesman said. But the number of such serious violations is increasing.

Also on the rise, judging by IRS statistics, are the number of price refunds ordered by the agency against service stations charging more than the legal selling price.

The spokesman said it appears an increasing number of gasoline stations are using various gimmicks to get around the government's price regulations.

Meanwhile, the Federal Energy Office is expected to announce further increases in the price of gasoline — in addition to the one cent per gallon retail price hike announced Monday — as well as raises for home heating and diesel fuels.

Energy officials say the fuel prices could raise by as much as 10 cents per gallon in the coming months.

The three major oil companies — Amoco, Sun Oil and Standard Oil of Ohio — increased prices Wednesday. The wholesale gasoline increases of 5.8 cents a gallon for Amoco, two cents for Sun Oil and a cent for Standard follow similar increases announced Monday by Standard Oil of California, Union Oil Co. and SHELL Oil Co.

A spokesman for the energy office said the companies would have to submit detailed reports justifying their price increases, which he said would be legal if they are based on the higher

costs of foreign oil.

For the week that ended Dec. 21, the IRS found that 693 of 3,590 service stations checked were charging more than the legal price. During Christmas week, there were 194 violations of 693 stations checked.

During the four-day New Year's weekend, the IRS found 409 service stations of 2,346 stations checked.

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Gas Prices Boosted 2 To 7 Cents

Gasoline price increases ranged from 2 to 7.1 cents per gallon today at some service stations in the Twin Cities area.

The biggest price jump was reported by Standard Oil dealers with increases as much as 7.1 cents per gallon. Some Shell and Sunoco dealers reported prices up two cents per gallon.

The increases resulted in regular gasoline costing as much or more at some Standard stations than super gasoline at Shell and Sunoco stations.

Ehrenberg's Standard station, 220 Main street, St. Joseph, reported a gasoline increase this morning of 7.1 cents per gallon with regular now costing 53.5 cents a gallon and super at 57.4 cents. Burkhard Standard Service center, South M-139, Benton township, reported prices up 6.8 cents per gallon with regular now selling at 54.7 and super at 58.7 cents a gallon.

Porter's Standard Service, 4287 Niles road, St. Joseph, raised prices 7 cents and now sells regular at 53.4 and super at 57.4 cents. Paul's Shell Service station, 2805 Niles road, St. Joseph, has a price increase of 2 cents a gallon. Regular at the station now costs 49.3 cents and super 53.3 cents.

J & R Sunoco Service station, 2909 Niles road, St. Joseph, also raised prices by 2 cents. Regular now costs 47.9 cents and super 53.9 cents per gallon.

But two other Shell and Sunoco dealers said they haven't raised prices as yet.

The gasoline price hikes were predicted Wednesday for stations across Michigan by Charles Shipley, director of the Michigan Service Station Dealers Association.

Shipley said the maximum jump at Standard stations includes a 5.8 cent boost in the company's price, a one cent boost in the dealer's profit margin and a three-tenths of a cent climb in sales tax.

Shipley also said Shell dealers would raise prices 2.1 cents per gallon while Sun Oil dealers would raise their prices three cents a gallon.

Ice Storm Chills Dixie

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ice storms crippled areas from central Texas to Pennsylvania today with snow to the north and rain and drizzle spread to the south.

At least seven persons died in traffic accidents attributed to icy conditions in Tennessee. Ice up to an inch coated western sections of the state.

The Memphis Fire Department was swamped with calls for ambulance service Wednesday from people who suffered falls on the ice. Some power lines were down and schools were closed. Memphis International Airport was closed part of the day.

Kuwait Taking Over Oil From U.S., British Firms

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Kuwait has reached agreement with two major Western oil companies for a 60 per cent government takeover of their operations, a Kuwaiti official said today.

The Persian Gulf state's defense and interior minister, Sheik Saad el Abdullah, said in an interview with the Beirut newspaper An Nahar that the agreement affects the Gulf Oil Corp. of Pittsburgh and British Petroleum. He said it will soon be introduced into parliament

and will leave the door open for total nationalization within five years.

Gulf and BP jointly own the Kuwait Oil Co., which produces more than 90 per cent of Kuwait's crude oil.

The Kuwait parliament, which last year rejected an agreement that would have given Kuwait an initial 25 per cent ownership expanding to 51 per cent by 1982, has recently been pressing for total nationalization of foreign oil interests.

"The negotiated agreement preserves the government's right to raise gradually its participation share to 70, 80, 90 or 100 per cent by 1979," Saad said.

"This means the bill to be introduced into parliament would stipulate complete nationalization when technical crews and

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BROGNO SUCCEEDS HERRITT HERE

Whirlpool SJ Chief Going To Findlay



DONALD E. HERRIT
To Findlay division

Donald E. Heritt, manager of Whirlpool's St. Joseph division since 1970, has been named manager of the firm's Findlay, Ohio, division.

At the same time, August Brogno, has been named as the new general manager for St. Joseph division. He had been divisional director of manufacturing and materials.

Mason Feisel, vice president for Whirlpool's laundry group which includes both divisions, said the changes were effective Tuesday, Jan. 1.

According to Feisel, Heritt is succeeding Clarence Freeman

who has retired.

A spokesman for the firm said the Findlay division includes manufacturing in clothes dryers, dishwashers and food waste disposers. The St. Joseph division involves production of washers.

The Findlay division has about 1,200 employees while there are about 1,900 employees in the St. Joseph division.

Heritt joined Whirlpool corporation in 1950, at its Clyde division. He was general manager at the firm's LaPorte division before taking over as St. Joseph general manager in December, 1970.

A graduate of Bowling Green university in Ohio, Heritt and his

wife, Pat, are parents of three daughters. While here, the Heritts lived at 4365 Tanglewood trail, St. Joseph.

Brogno joined Whirlpool in 1960 as an industrial engineer in its Marion, Ohio, division. He came to St. Joseph from the Clyde division.

Brogno and his wife, Rosanne, have six children and live at 4396 Laurel drive, St. Joseph. He has a master's degree in industrial administration from Carnegie Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati.



AUGUST BROGNO
Named as successor

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Editorial Page

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Putting Some Life Into Passenger Train Service

In 1970 Congress created the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, a wholly owned governmental company, as a possible solution to the seemingly impossible problem of how to sustain railroad transportation as one means of moving large numbers of people from point to point.

Amtrak, the nickname of this legislatively created body, gave the carriers three choices: quit the passenger business without having to ask ICC permission to drop the service; stay with it; or turn over the function to Amtrak. Under the third alternative, Amtrak pays the roads a service fee to operate the trains and a rental for equipment and trackage rights.

The legislation gives Amtrak a fairly wide discretion in deciding what routes should be carried and what should be discontinued. Under this option, for example, Amtrak cancelled the Chicago-Grand Rapids run in our area but continues the C&O passenger service from Chicago to Cleveland and major points east.

The system has worked after a fashion.

Passenger service has not completely gone the way of the dodo bird. The participating railroads no longer shoulder the deficits piled up by their trains; and there is some reason to believe the energy crisis could expand rail passenger facilities into a semblance of permanent viability.

The weakness in Amtrak is two-fold. It is not the financial success Congress hoped it might become. Each year our Washington representatives must hand over a couple hundred million or so to erase the red ink in Amtrak's ledgers.

Nor does Amtrak draw high marks from its customers.

Its performance is erratic. It consistently runs behind published scheduled times, mainly because the private carriers sidetrack Amtrak trains whenever their own freight haulers are coming through. This is a violation of ICC rules, but it has not been enforced. In November, the latest available reporting period, Amtrak was on time only 41 per cent for long hauls and 72 per cent on short

runs.

Lay-overs between primary points tend to fill the clock.

Temperatures within the cars vary widely. Some are suffocatingly warm. Others are next to freezing.

Food prices, as measured by what is charged in the supermarket or the landbound restaurant, are reasonable, but dining cars or food and beverage bars are sparse in relation to consist sizes.

Reservation service and baggage handling facilities are somewhat catch as catch can.

The overall effect is about what could be expected if the coach of the No. 3 team decided to go all the way with his second and third stringers against the No. 1 outfit's varsity. He may obtain a few good plays born of the spirit to show what the benchriders can do if given a chance, but he can scarcely bank on the gamble to turn in a favoring final score.

Last week the ICC notified Amtrak that by April 1st it must overcome those deficiencies.

The order also applies to those few roads continuing to run their own passenger service.

This reverses the ICC's position which prior to Amtrak's creation held the Interstate Commerce Commission jurisdiction was limited to the tolls charged and the areas served by the railroads, but not to whether a passenger station might have a drinking fountain.

It is discouraging in a sense to watch the government have to crack the whip when it should not be necessary in the first instance.

Given only half the service orientation that goes into commercial flying, train travel not only can be fun but a boon to those riding the rails.

One illustration does not establish a rule, but consider going from here to Chicago's loop.

North Central gets one to O'Hare from Ross Field in 20 minutes for \$19. Then it's a taxi or limousine service at more dollars and considerable time to the Loop.

Before it folded its passenger line, Chessie eased one from the Benton Harbor or St. Joseph stations directly to the Loop for about \$5 first class as we recall. It required two hours and the passenger paid for his own coffee break, but it was an enjoyable trip and allowed plenty of time to accomplish whatever one had scheduled in Mayor Daley's town.

We repeat it is too bad the ICC has to play the devil's advocate here, but if that's what it takes, the action is justified.

first-class mail to 10 cents per ounce. Increases were also in store for third-class bulk mail and fourth-class book and record rates.

According to an official of the Postal Rate Commission, an independent regulatory agency, the Cost of Living Council's decision only forestalled the inevitable until about March 1. By that time, the Postal Service is expected to counterattack with a more acceptable increase.

Still, the immediate result is a relieve for most postage users, and a veritable stay of execution for many small publications already skating on thin profit margins. The U.S. system is a model of efficiency, however, when compared to those of many other nations. The Italian postal system is notoriously inept, as made clear by the grisly story of the ransomed J. Paul Getty III. It took a full 19 days in the mails before Getty's severed ear reached Rome from Naples, a distance of only 100 miles.

Amphipods, the small crustaceans which flourish in Arctic waters, often use a jellyfish as a mobile restaurant, sneaking scraps from food it catches. Sometimes they turn hungrily on their host, National Geographic says.

A few starlings were brought to New York by members of a Shakespeare society in 1850, so that all birds mentioned in the playwright's works might be represented in the United States. The starlings have multiplied until today huge flocks compete with cattle at feeding pens and devour up to 20 tons of potatoes a day.

A Big Drop-In-The-Bucket!



HORRIS

GLANCING BACKWARDS

RESEARCH AIDE IS YOUNG, PERT — 1 Year Ago —

Berrien county commissioners Tuesday met a pert 24-year-old Detroit prosecutor's office newest research assistant, soon to be assistant prosecutor. She's Miss Sally Zick, now of Stevensville and a December, 1972, graduate of the Notre Dame law school with expertise in computers. She'll be a research assistant, replacing Mrs. Dipen (Raj) Guha, who leaves to join her husband at a new post out of this area.

Miss Zick plans to take her state bar examination in March and would then become an assistant prosecutor, replacing Ronald Moses, who left the prosecutor's office recently to enter private practice.

SOUTHERN WINTERS JUST TOO ROUGH — 10 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. David Kempf of Crestview dr., have decided that winter in Michigan is much nicer than winter in the South. The Kempfs and their three daughters, Rene, 14, Karen, 11, and Kimberly, 4, were stranded by the severe ice storm that struck in Georgia as they returned from a vacation in Florida.

They had been in Daytona Beach to visit Mrs. Kempf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gersonde, Benton Harbor residents who winter in Florida. As they drove into Georgia the day before New Year's, the Kempfs found that roads were closed, power was off, phone lines were down and everything was covered with ice.

DINNER TO COMPLEMENT NATIONAL WCTU HEAD — 35 Years Ago —

Mrs. Ida H. Wise Smith, national president of the W.C.T.U., who comes to the twin cities from her home in Evanston, Ill., Thursday afternoon for an address Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Peace Temple in Benton Harbor, will be honored at a dinner to be served at 6:15 that evening at the Lake View hotel in this city.

The dinner will be given by state, district and local W.C.T.U. presidents, who will also attend the public address by Mrs. Smith later in the evening at the Peace Temple.

DEAL CLOSED — 45 Years Ago —

A deal was closed on option Wednesday by the city of Benton Harbor for 252 acres of land known as the Michigan Golf club for an airport, municipal golf course and tourist camp.

PENDING DEAL CLOSED — 55 Years Ago —

A deal which has been pending for some time by which the Milk Producers association was to take over the properties and creamery business of Barlow Brothers and the Twin City Creamery company, was closed on January 1, and the Milk Producers are now managing the creamery business in the twin cities.

YOUTH ENJOY SKATING — 65 Years Ago —

The youth of the city are enjoying the skating on the bayous and small streams adjacent to the river near the viaduct and bridge. The recent cold weather has formed plenty of good ice for the exhilarating sport. Broken pieces of ice have been floating down the river and accumulating on the shores of the lake in the vicinity of the piers. Ice dunes have commenced formation near the snow.

tely sprayed onto the burning trailer. He said by the time department arrived initially mobile home was engulfed.

'UNION TATICS' ARE BLAMED

Editor,

The public would feel more sympathetic if Meany would put his own house in order. I refer to the June issue of the Reader's Digest entitled, "The Tyranny of Terrorism in the Building Trades." This article deals with shocking situation here in these United States so why not investigate and get the truth. "Cracking heads, smashing equipment, fire bombing building sites, many construction unions are trying to destroy competition through open violence, while legislators and police do little to stop it."

Unions have done much for the laboring man but "goon" tactics is not the answer. Unions aren't even criticized when they drive such a hard bargain in wage negotiation that many of their members are laid off at the expense of higher wages and fringes for some.

The growth in the number of so-called unemployed in this country is a frightening thing. It may even be a degrading thing in that people are actually being prevented from working at wages which fit their abilities.

It is the union tactics that have brought upon us inflation because of their feverish perpetual drive of wage increases and now it is swallowed.

Stan C. Kun
Covert.

Cord Builder Is Dead At 79

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Errol Lobbin Cord, 79, maker of the classic Cord automobile and an aviation pioneer, died Wednesday. At one time he owned or had controlling interests in American Airlines, the New York Shipbuilding Corp. and many other companies.

Ray Cromley

Will The Profit Motive Go Next?



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Businessmen this reporter has talked to in recent weeks foresee what amounts almost to a revolution in the way business — especially big business — evaluates its objectives.

They see increasing evidence that the energy shortage, the growing public concern for the environment and for human values, has started some basic rethinking among major business groups.

This trend has already been noted by some foreign visitors, who have gone home in amazement. It could, they report, only happen in the United States.

Now it is quite difficult to write about these things because the normal public reaction is cynical. And no one, including the businessmen, expects that business will forego profits for esthetics.

But the indications are, if my contacts are right, that industry will find culture, education and anti-pollution profitable — or at least necessary. They will come to be considered, says one big business economist, as natural normal business costs.

Traditionally, cities have offered low taxes, excellent transportation and an ample supply of skilled or semi-skilled labor as the major lures for new industry. Today, cities and counties wanting new company offices or factories to locate within their boundaries must offer low infant death rates, first rate schools, excellent hospitals, art museums, orchestras and nearby recreation. Major

firms are moving their plants, or at least their headquarters, into attractive suburban surroundings, where their people can live nearby.

Companies are finding they cannot attract and keep the managers and workers they want, or hold their production efficiency at high levels, unless they provide this new type of surrounding and opportunities for advanced education and training.

Meanwhile, increasing numbers of businessmen have been impressed by new studies which indicate that only slightly more than half our industrial growth in the United States can be attributed to increasing inputs of capital and labor. Almost half our past growth, in fact, is accounted for by what the researchers call "residuals" — that is, improvements in education, health, management and thorough innovations.

Economists associated with major business associations and at prestigious research institutions are now attempting to figure out new definitions of what constitutes capital and wealth. Already, sophisticated traders on the stock exchanges are as concerned with a company's intangibles — the education and ingenuity of its managements, the quality of its workers, the relationships of management and labor, the amount of research and the imagination shown in that research as in the company's expansion plans or current profits.

Jeffrey Hart

Years Unkind To New York



"The city seen from the Queensboro Bridge is always the city seen for the first time, in its first wild promise of all the mystery and the beauty of the world."

That sentence was written by F. Scott Fitzgerald, a Mid-Westerner, in 1925. He spoke for countless others, then and indeed until fairly recently, in expressing a sense of New York as possibility. No one could write such a sentence today. I have to visit New York regularly, and the pervasive sense of the city is one not of possibility but of impossibility.

In the years following World War II New York retained a good deal of the excitement and cultural importance Fitzgerald found in it, and which even the Depression had not been able to extinguish. Aspiring writers flocked to New York, to be part of it and to be with one another. New movements in painting, generated there: the "New York school" was of international importance. Places like the Algonquin and the Stork Club had significant identities. The big-name hands and the most important musicians were centered there, and college students flocked to lounges like the Drake Room to listen to Cy

Walter or Earl Wilde. Above all, the life of Manhattan had a certain energy and style, and, until the early 1960s, New York was a kind of standard according to which intellectual, artistic, social and others kinds of success could be measured.

To feel that way any longer is an aberration, indulged so far as I know only by Pete Hamill, a beer-mug liberal who writes a column for the New York Post and appears to be living in the past.

The city seen from the Queensboro Bridge gives the impression of frowns and irreversible decline.

The symptoms, in no particular order of priority, are manifest. Abe Beame, the new mayor, is a decent man but a minimalist candidate. People merely hope that he will make the trains run on time. The subway trains, by the way, are covered with spray-paint graffiti, the handiwork of rat-pack adolescents who roam the platforms; merely to pass through the subway turnstiles is to experience a twinge of fear, so pervasive is the violence of the city.

In contrast to the post-war years, New York has no significant popular night life. The bands are gone. Times Square is porn alley, and in midtown no one should walk west of Eighth Avenue without an armed bodyguard. Literary and intellectual life has largely moved elsewhere. Heavyweight championship fights now occur in Houston or Burbank, Calif.

John Lindsay was surely less a cause of decline than merely another symptom of it, and it is only too fitting that in his valedictory press releases he praised his police department as a "model for the nation" when everyone is aware of its pervasive corruption.

The reasons for decline are not esoteric. The upper middle class has left the city, driven away by violent crime and lured by possibility elsewhere. You can live and shop in the suburbs. The poets and novelists find berths on the campus rather than in Greenwich Village. Places like Denver, Santa Fe, and San Diego beckon.

In one of his essays, written during a period of mental depression, Scott Fitzgerald called out to New York: "Come back, a glittering and white." It is a cry that must surely go unanswered.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Jerry may not be the only Ford that won't run in '78!"

It Was Just Like Money In Bank

Two masterpieces unnoticed at a college for 26 years bring \$376,650. Not having anyone around who recognized their value was like money in the bank.

Not All That Good-- But It Could Be Worse

Thanks to a ruling last week by the Cost of Living Council, Americans aren't paying as much for postage this month as originally feared. The Council rejected the increases proposed by the United Postal Service that would have taken effect on Saturday, Jan. 5.

The postal Service called for a two-cent boost in airmail stamps to 13 cents per ounce, and a 2-cent rise in

Like A Beach Ball

Jupiter looks like a big striped beach ball but may be shrinking, Pioneer 10 data show. Quick, somebody, get the pump!

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BH Voting Tuesday On Simplified Charter

Mayor Joseph, Firemen, Policemen Oppose New Constitution

BY JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

Benton Harbor voters will ballot Tuesday, Jan. 8, on a new "streamlined" city charter. A simple majority of those voting is required to adopt the new charter which would take effect Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

from city commission to council.

The city manager post would be continued as the chief administrative officer, responsible to the council.

The proposed charter is a model of brevity compared to the present document. The new constitution consists of 129 sections in 11 chapters. The existing charter has more than 225 sections in 14 chapters.

But the proposed charter,

drafted by a nine-member elected commission, is under fire for what it doesn't say.

Police and firemen oppose it because the new charter would permit establishment of a pension plan that could be different from the current one, and there is no mention of civil service.

Mayor Charles F. Joseph is campaigning against it because he wants a stronger mayor form of government, giving more power to people who are elected

instead of appointed.

The mayor's authority in the proposed charter is identical to the old charter. Also retained is a section prohibiting the mayor and council members from giving orders to department heads, except for three departments — auditing, legal and city clerk.

However, the proposed charter would give the elected council increased power over the appointed cemetery and library boards whose titles would be changed to "advisory boards."

This provides tighter control of purse strings on the cemetery and library boards. The city commission was ranked in 1965 when the cemetery board bought \$17,000 worth of monuments after the commission had previously rejected cemetery improvements because of lack of funds.

The new charter has some liberalized financial provisions. The mayor would get a boost in pay from \$5 a meeting to \$15 and council members pay would be boosted from \$5 to \$10 for each official meeting attended.

Inflation also has lifted the limitation on the value of work that can be done for the city without formal execution of a contract. The old charter has a \$1,000 limit and the new one \$10,000.

The present charter limits the city's general operating tax to 10 mills, except for extra voted levies. The proposed constitution states: "The city shall have power to assess taxes and to levy and collect rents, tolls and excises as permitted by law."

This means that a maximum of 20 mills can be levied in accordance with state law. But the 20 mills would include virtually all taxes and amount to what the city levied in 1973:

10 mills for general operating;
6 mills in extra voted general operating;
2 mills for permanent public improvements;
1 mill for police and fire pension fund;
1 mill for library operation;
Total: 20 mills.

Not included in the 20-mill limitation or the 20-mill levy of 1973 are 2 mills for garbage and rubbish and 1 mill for urban renewal.

The rubbish tax is levied by special state authority outside the 20-mill limit. The mill for urban renewal represents a levy for bonded indebtedness, also outside the 20-mill limitation. So adoption of the charter would not mean a property tax increase for 1974 unless some special levy came along with approval of the state.

City employee pensions would be covered by ordinance instead of the lengthy details of the present charter. Although pension provisions in the present charter appear to be carefully spelled out, they have still been subject to litigation for interpretation.

On pensions, the proposed charter states:

"The council is hereby authorized to provide by ordinance and maintain one or more retirement benefit systems for the administrative officers and employees of the city, either by means of its own plan or of any plan now or hereafter legally permissible with the state or federal government or with any insurance company of recognized standing, or by means of any combination thereof, and the plan may provide for required contributions thereto by said officers and employees."

The section further states that the pension program in the



GRAND MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CHECK: Bob Martin, chairman of Hagar township Muscular Dystrophy march (left), presents \$1,001 check to Robert L. Hickman, local Dystrophy chapter president, for 1973 MD drive. Watching are Fire Chief John Haak (left) and Allen DePriest, of Lake Michigan Beach Fire department of Hagar township, in 1972 The department, which last year

raised \$473 for MD, reports it is in process of changing from privately owned volunteer department to township department, and also runs own ambulance service. Hickman predicted MD drive in southwestern Michigan should total about \$34,000 when all areas have reported — an increase of about 5 per cent over 1972.

present charter "shall expire and terminate as of June 30, 1974, but all financial benefits theretofore accruing shall be contractual obligations which shall not be diminished or impaired by this provision."

This means that no employee can be deprived of benefits earned under the present plan. But it does not mean that present employees hired under the present charter will continue under that plan if a new one is adopted.

An early draft of the pension section for the new charter contained the provision that any new program shall be "not less beneficial to the officers or the employees of the city than are now provided ..." under the present charter. That provision was stricken in the final version.

The term "civil service" does not appear in the proposed charter while the present establishes a three-member civil service board and spells out duties and responsibilities.

The new charter does call for establishment by ordinance of a merit system for personnel on a "professional and impartial approach" and covering the areas as stated in Section 2.22 of the present charter. This section provides for a civil service board.

The new charter saves space by eliminating the mind boggling surveyor's description of the city and the geographical description of each. These descriptions are covered by exhibits attached to the charter.

But the new charter does provide that "wards shall be reapportioned periodically as required by law."

Also stricken from the proposed charter is a lengthy section on municipal court because there is no more municipal court.

The old charter also is loaded with trivia. For example: "The Director of Public Safety and the Chief of the Fire Department shall be vested with all the powers of State Fire Wardens."

The charter that will be voted on Tuesday was not the unanimous choice of the charter commission, whose members voted 5 to 3 to put it on the ballot. Voting for the charter were Commissioners Hershel McKenzie, William Parks, Wilbert Smith, Laurence Fish, and Chairman Victor Greer. Opposed were James Murphy, Mrs. Anne Robinson and Mrs.

Barbara Jones. Commissioner Ralph Lhotka was absent at the vote but indicated in writing he approved of it.

OILMAN DIES

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP) — Rexford S. Blazer, 66, retired president and board chairman of Ashland Oil, Inc., died Wednesday.

Ringing Alarm Doesn't Halt Theft

Six rifles, several handguns and ammunition were reported stolen last night in a burglary at Gardner's Favorite Sports and Marine, 741 Riverview drive, according to Benton Harbor police. Officers were dispatched to the store after a burglar alarm began ringing in the police station. They reported they did not see anyone in or near the store. The burglars gained entrance through a window on the east side of the store. Police said it appeared that only guns and ammunition were taken. An inventory of merchandise was to be taken today by owner Don Clark in conjunction with the police investigation.

Benton Told To Pay Back \$223,000 In U.S. Funds

Benton township has been forced by the federal government to refund nearly half of a \$500,000 grant for a neighborhood development program by tomorrow, even though the federal government sent the grant to the township some eight months late.

Township Treasurer James J. Culby took a verbal shot at the federal government at last night's board of trustees meeting, and drew ripples of approval from other members of the board.

Said Culby "Those guys in Washington should stay in Washington, and it's time we stopped taking their money."

At issue was the refunding of \$223,958 to the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It was money left over from the \$500,000 first-year Forest Park-Michigan neighborhood development program, which has since ended.

Clerk Ralph Dahn said after the meeting the reason the money was not spent was because the township received

the funds too late to channel into the local NDP program. He said that although HUD earmarked the funds for the program, they could not be spent until they arrived—which was about eight months late, he noted.

Officials said the refund must be postmarked to the HUD Chicago office by no later than tomorrow (Friday), or the township would be charged interest.

The matter of refunding had just come up in time for last night's agenda on new business.

The board approved getting off the refund check, but not without commentary.

One trustee muttered that the federal government presents programs and then dictates. Another said the speed law is another example—"set the speed law at 55 miles an hour, or lose federal aid."

Despite protests, the township is committed to a second year neighborhood development program, called Belmont-Leaside. This area is generally between East Main and Territorial road in the area of Burton and Pine streets and Chicago avenue, in the northwest section of the township.

In other routine business, the board approved a payment of \$19,749 to Yerington and Harris Contractors, for work on sanitary sewers to serve the Whirlpool Corp. Appliance Buyers Credit Union building, now

under construction on Benson road, near the firm's corporate headquarters. The payment is the first for the \$83,536 project. The cost will be covered by Whirlpool.

The board also authorized payment of \$19,749 to Indrie, Inc., Stevensville, builders of a baseball diamond at the township park, off Zellar road by the St. Joseph river. The field is now completed for use next spring.

Condolences To Parents Of Reporter

The Benton township board of trustees last night unanimously agreed to send a letter of condolences to the parents of Howard W. Holmes, 33, a former reporter for this newspaper who was killed Dec. 28 in a car-pedestrian accident near Flint.

Mr. Holmes, who worked here from 1966 to May 22, 1971, was police reporter and also covered Benton township governmental affairs.

The trustees' resolution follows similar action by the township planning commission last week.

Four Lottery Drawings Slated For S.W. Michigan

There will be at least four state lottery drawings in southwestern Michigan this year.

The tentative schedule of 1974 drawings shows the first area appearance of the traveling show will be April 11 at Dowagiac's National Guard Armory.

Next in line is the May 2 appearance at Benton Harbor for the Blossomtime event; Aug. 29 at Saugatuck and Sept. 12 at the Allegan County Fair. Among the top attractions for the lottery sideshow will be stops at the Snowmobile 500 at Sault Ste.

Marion Feb. 14; the Syrup Festival at Shepherd on April 25; and the Seaway Festival in Muskegon on June 27.

The 1974 lottery drawing schedule: Jan. 10, Westland's Westland Center; Jan. 17, Flint's Dort Mall; Jan. 24, Wyoming's Rogers Plaza; Jan. 31, Roseville's Macomb Mall.

Feb. 7, Alma's National Guard Armory; Feb. 14, Sault Ste. Marie's 1-500 Snowmobile event; Feb. 21, St. John's Veterans Hall; Feb. 28, Southfield's Northland Center.

March 7, Pontiac's Pontiac

Mall; March 14, Kalamazoo's Maple Hill Mall; March 21, Southfield's Tel-12 Mall; March 28, Grand Rapids Woodland Mall.

April 11, Dowagiac's National Guard Armory; April 18, Detroit's Cobo Hall; April 25, Shepherd's Syrup Festival.

May 2, Benton Harbor's Blossomtime event; May 9, Saginaw's Civic Center; May 16, Farmington's Botsford Inn; May 23, Sturgis' Michigan Week; May 30, Harrison's Ashcraft Mall.

June 6, Kalamazoo's Kalamazoo Mall; June 13, Troy's Oakland Mall; June 30, West Branch's Old Fashioned Days; June 27, Muskegon's Seaway Festival.

July 5, Vassar's Pioneer Days; July 11, Rochester's July 18, Fowlerville's Fowlerville Fair; July 25, Flint's Downtown Sidewalk Days.

Aug. 1, Cheboygan; Aug. 8, Redford; Aug. 15, Escanaba's Upper Peninsula State Fair; Aug. 22, Lapeer's Lapeer Day; Aug. 29, Saugatuck.

Sept. 5, Plymouth; Sept. 12, Allegan County Fair; Sept. 19, Centerville County Fair; Sept. 26, Mount Pleasant.

All other dates are unscheduled, except for Nov. 29 at the Adrian Mall and Dec. 5 at Detroit's Christmas Antique Show.

BREMERTON, WASH.

Ex-BH Photographer Heads 'Y' Program

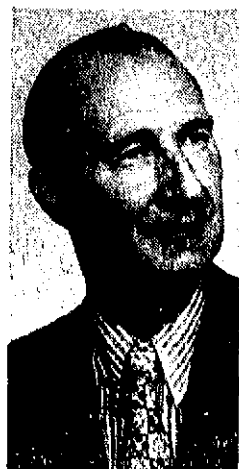
Former Benton Harborite Walter D. Redman, well known former photographer in the Twin Cities and Watervliet area, has been named executive director of the Bremerton, Wash., Armed Forces YMCA.

Redman's experience in the YMCA is extensive, and he was most recently executive director of the Fort Walton Beach, Fla., USO. He also worked with the Twin Cities "Y" for a number of years.

Redman, 53, in his new capacity is responsible for all military in the Bremerton area, accommodating them in the YMCA dormitory and providing a recreational program.

Redman set up a photography studio in Benton Harbor in 1952, and in 1967 Redman and Donald Ames formed the Redman and Ames partnership in photography. He and his wife, Maurine, sold their interest in the business in 1970 and opened another photography firm in

Watervliet. When Redman accepted the Florida job, he sold the Watervliet studio to Haynes Woolcott, of Hartford.



WALTER D. REDMAN
YMCA Director

'Interruptible' Gas Users Still On Line

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Cold weather traditionally signals the time when industrial firms served with natural gas under interruptible contracts must switch to oil.

Only Michigan Gas Utilities Co. operations, however, temperature is only one factor considered and as of Wednesday, none of its "Benton Harbor community" industrial accounts had been shut off.

The utility said it uses the term "Benton Harbor community" to

include 23 firms with interruptible accounts over Berrien and Van Buren counties.

It was reported that some gas utility firms, including Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. in southeastern Michigan, use only temperature as a factor. When the temperature drops to a certain point, such as 20 degrees, gas service is cut off to interruptible account customers.

Michigan Gas Utilities Co., based at Monroe, utilizes a control center to gather data, including temperatures and processing needs of firms. When gas needs exceed a predetermined figure in the formula, service is cut off, but only on a daily basis. Last year,

area firms were cut off for 58 days, it was reported.

A shut-off presumably will arrive sometime this winter, but the utility reported that it appears that most interruptible account firms earlier had filled oil storage tanks.

Interruptible accounts are established with industrial users who get cheaper rates and and do not involve homeowners served by natural gas the year around.

For residents who heat their homes with oil, it appears there will be ample supplies for the winter. One supplier, Pruche Brothers Oil Co., summed it up, saying that supplies to homes look good, unless people panic and rush to fill tank all at once.

Feather Is New Public Works Chairman

By BILL RUSH

Oronoko Township Supervisor Robert G. Feather Wednesday was unanimously elected chairman of the Berrien county board of publicworks (BPW).

Other BPW members re-elected as officers were: Lester Krumrie of Bridgman, Berrien county commissioner, as vice chairman, and Lamont Tufts of St. Joseph, a former Berrien commissioner, as secretary.

Clifford Einlong of St. Joseph was installed for another term and John W. Gillette of Niles was installed as a new member on the board. Both will serve three year terms.

The BPW also received a financial status report showing that bills and notes on the Hickory Creek sewer interceptor project at

the end of 1973 totaled \$888,007. The BPW is hoping that additional federal-state grant money will cover the liabilities to avoid sale of more bonds.

Feather, of Berrien Springs, replaces Herbert Seeder who was chairman of the BPW since its beginning in 1966. Last month, Berrien county commissioners named Gillette to the BPW in place of Seeder in what was called a move for new blood.

Oronoko township supervisor since 1947, Feather, 55, is a former member of the old Berrien county board of supervisors and served as chairman of that board from 1959 to 1981 and again from 1965 to 1987. He is the operator of a fruit farm in northwestern Oronoko township.

Gillette of Berrien township is senior vice president of First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan in Niles and has been with the bank since 1957. A 1949 graduate of the University of Michigan, Gillette is also president of the Greater Niles Industrial Development Corp. The corporation is an off-shoot of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and in charge of the Niles industrial park.

The financial status report on the Hickory Creek interceptor was presented by Wayne Merritt, an accountant with the firm of Kovtan and Mc Murray of St. Joseph.

The interceptor will carry sewage from St. Joseph suburbs to the Twin Cities sewage plant. The contract was awarded in 1969 but the 7-mile sewer line was not completed until last September.

Subsequently, some 600-foot of the line along Cleveland avenue was termed defective. The BPW will not receive expected grant money until the line is in operation.

According to the financial report, the original budget for the contractor, Yerington & Harris of Benton Harbor, was \$1,541,560, but expenditures to date are \$2,616,983, or more than one million over estimate. Engineering inspection is also \$82,161 over estimate.

In addition, the project has already received \$272,600 in federal money and \$1,033,297 in state money, which is nearly \$100,000 more than originally expected. Two bank notes totaling \$600,000 taken out to keep the project in operation in 1972 have been renewed for another 6 months at a cost of \$12,000 in interest.

Gas Pipeline Okay

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Environmental impact statements covering five natural gas pipelines—two in St. Clair County, two in Grand Traverse County and one in Kalamazoo County—conclude that disturbance to the surrounding land would be minimal.

The reports were issued Wednesday by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The pipelines will include a 30-inch pipeline 8.7 miles long in St. Clair County.



ROBERT FEATHER
New BPW Chairman

Chief Judge Elected

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Judge Timothy Quinn has been elected chief judge pro tem of the Michigan Court of Appeals, filling the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge John Fitzgerald to the state Supreme Court.

Quinn was elected unanimously by his fellow judges Wednesday after the swearing-in of Judge Glenn Allen Jr., formerly an aide to Gov. William Milliken.

Woman Takes Office As South Haven Mayor

Mrs. Davis Outlines Ambitious List Of Objectives

BY TOM RENNER

South Haven Correspondent
SOUTH HAVEN — Southwestern Michigan's first woman mayor, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, formally took office last night in South Haven.

Mrs. Davis took the oath of office from city clerk Miss Rita Verdonk and accepted the ceremonial gavel from retiring two-term Mayor Richard Lewis.

Mrs. Davis established the objectives she plans to give priority to during a brief statement to the estimated 40 persons who attended the ceremony.

"Basic to all my plans will be two considerations," Mrs. Davis

said, "First, (I plan) to sustain the good that has been done by those who have served the city before us and secondly to put above all else the best interests of those who have elected us to office."

The new mayor divided the objectives into two parts, immediate and long-term.

Among immediate goals, according to Mrs. Davis, will be to define the position objectives of the city manager and then extend this procedure to all city employees with priority given to department heads.

Mrs. Davis said she hopes to be able to develop a means of evaluating the work done by city employees so that the city council will know the progress made toward stated objectives. She proposed an annual meeting between the council and department heads.

Mrs. Davis called for an immediate freeze on all employee salary increases or compensatory adjustments in salaries or fringe benefits pending a complete review by the council.

She promised to develop a procedure whereby citizen complaints and irritations may be resolved "in a fair and just and courteous and efficient manner."

Another immediate concern, according to the new mayor, will be to "shore up the police department so that citizens may be secure in their persons and their property."

She also pledged an immediate "cleanup our city" drive.

Long-term objectives during her two years of office will include developing, in coopera-

tion with the South Haven school board, a community recreation program "which will address itself to all our people, equitably distributing our resources to the young and the elderly and the in-between; being mindful that the world of recreation is not limited to baseball, basketball and football."

She pledged to continue the city's program of riverfront development.

She said she will encourage the housing commission to look into community housing needs beyond the public housing concept.

She said she would seek to invest the planning commission with authority to determine what in the community is of historical significance and if it is in the best interest to preserve it. She also plans to charge the planning commission with the responsibility for preserving natural resources from public and private destruction.

Mrs. Davis said she plans to "exploit" the talent bank of the citizenry to define growth potential and to advise as to the



FIRST WOMAN MAYOR: South Haven City Clerk Rita Verdonk, right, administers oath of office to Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, new South Haven mayor, first woman to be elected mayor in southwestern Michigan; and South Haven council members Wil-

bur Ingrahm, Norvan Books and Matthew Goerg during ceremonies last night. Mrs. Davis is first woman mayor as well as first woman elected to city government office in South Haven. (Tom Renner photos)

Coloma To Register Businesses

COLOMA — Persons providing services or operating a business in the city limits of Coloma have until Feb. 20 to register at the city hall here, under provisions of the new city charter.

According to Coloma City Clerk Mrs. Patricia Beezley, this includes door-to-door salesmen, in addition to commercial, retail wholesale businesses and self-employed persons.

Weesaw Twp. Board Opposes Fast Time

NEW TROY — Weesaw township board went on record last night as opposed to daylight saving time as a method to conserve energy.

In its resolution, the board disputed federal contentions that energy savings would result across the nation by setting clocks ahead one hour Sunday, Jan. 6, as the Congress has ordered.

"All intelligence is not lodged in Washington, D. C.," the resolution said.

The resolution also raised the possible danger to students of operating school buses in the dark and urged the River Valley school district to ignore any daylight saving time change.

In other action, the board said fees paid to fire department and ambulance volunteers are paid out of the township general fund and will not be assessed to township residents using the services.

Board members said they wanted to clarify previous board action which raised the per-call-charge from \$40 to \$45 for a fire department call and from \$30 to \$45 the charge for an ambulance run.

The increases became effective Tuesday.

Also last night the board re-appointed Henry Holtz, Rowland Hahn and Ross Howell to four-year terms on the township zoning board.

Long-term objectives during her two years of office will include developing, in coopera-

community's direction. "I do not intend to be a one person show," stressed Mrs.

Davis. "I do not intend to usurp the functions of management. However, the citizens have approved me on a platform supporting the concept of a working mayor and toward that end I do intend to operate from a specific place in the city hall and to have specific hours in attendance."

In other action during re-organization Alderman Rex Lineberry was re-elected mayor pro-tem; new council members were sworn into office and certificates of appreciation were presented to outgoing officials, Aldermen Tom Renner and Douglas Watrick as well as Mayor Lewis.

Meanwhile, Juan Martinez, Jr., 21, of Eau Claire—brother of the dead man—demanded examination Wednesday in Fifth district court on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against Gustavo Limas, 47, of Berrien Springs.

Limas was hospitalized for stab wounds of the forearm and after release was charged Wednesday with carrying a concealed pistol on his person at the time of the slaying, detectives said. He was to be arraigned

Conflicting Reports In Eau Claire Case

Berrien sheriff's detectives today were investigating conflicting reports of the early New Year's day slaying of an 18-year-old Eau Claire man at Eau Claire.

Killed by a gunshot wound in the chest at a party about 1:33 a.m. Tuesday was Erasmo (Eddie) Martinez.

Det. James Leonard said officers have a report from alleged witnesses that Martinez was shot in self-defense, and another report that the shooting was unprovoked.

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today in Fifth district court. Leonard said Limas did not leave the scene of the shooting as reported yesterday. Limas remained at the scene, the George Carrete home, Eau Claire road and Main street. Leonard said another man fled and was arrested on a charge of drunk and disorderly.

Recovering

PAW PAW — Van Buren Sheriff Richard Stump is recovering satisfactorily from Dec. 28 back surgery in a Florida hospital, Undersheriff Myron Southworth said this morning.

Southworth said the sheriff may be released next week from Tampa General hospital, Tampa, Fla., where Stump has been a patient since Dec. 19.

Stump injured his back while vacationing in Florida. Southworth described the sheriff's injury as a "slipped disk."

Mothers' March Kickoff Dinner To Be Held Jan. 8

A kick-off dinner for participants in the annual Mothers' March for the March of Dimes will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at the St. Joseph Kickers club in Arden.

This year's march has been set for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27, according to Jack Kelly, executive director of the Berrien county chapter of the March of Dimes.

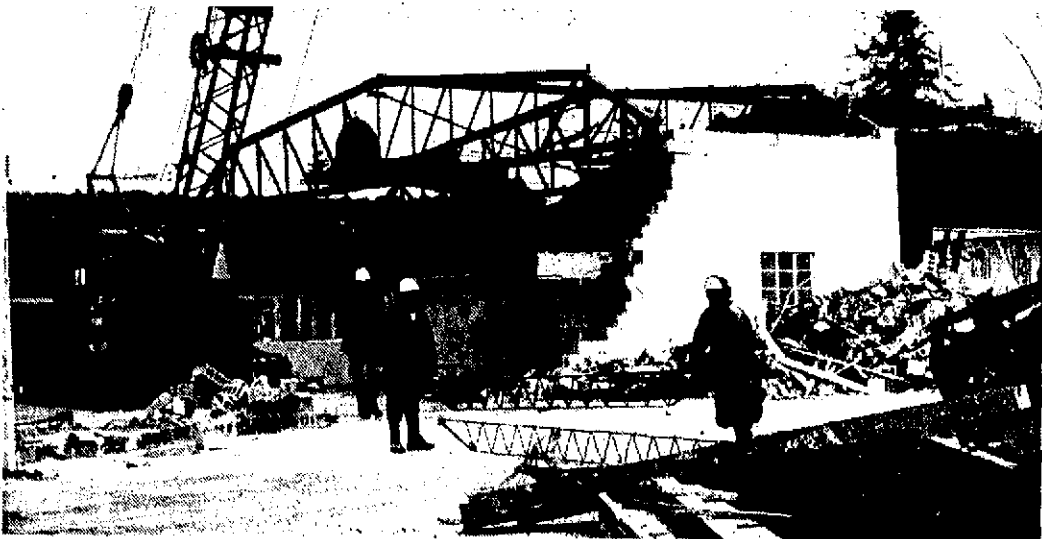
Kelly said the Mothers' March last year raised about \$10,000, and the total for the

year was \$25,000. No goal has been set, he said, but he hoped this year's sum would better last year's total.

Kelly noted there are 30 community chairman in Berrien county, and they should attend the dinner to pick-up supplies and coordinate plans. He added that persons wishing to participate in the March should contact him at the chapter, Box 191, St. Joseph.

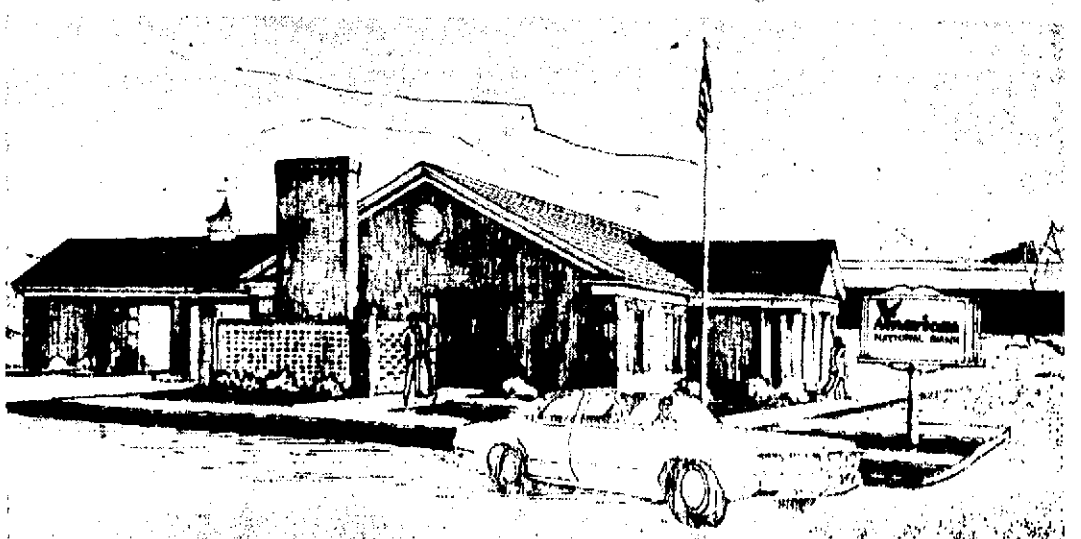


FIRST ACT: New South Haven Mayor Elizabeth Davis presents key of city to outgoing Mayor Richard Lewis as first act after assuming duties. Lewis, who did not seek re-election, was closing out 13-year career in public office.



SITE FOR BANK: Workmen clear site for new American National Bank of South Haven. Bank will be located on site of old Russ Hyma Chevrolet

dealership on northeast corner of Broadway and Phoenix street. Bank is temporarily located at 310 Broadway. (Tom Renner photo)



PROPOSED BANK: Artist's rendering shows new American National Bank of South Haven. Construction of colonial-style building is scheduled to begin

this month with completion next summer. Bank will feature four drive-in windows. A community room will be located in basement.